

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0904

April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 for Sulzbacher's Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the I. M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless located at 611 E. Adams Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

This funding is requested for construction costs related to the expansion and relocation of Sulzbacher's main FQHC which delivers primary care, behavioral health, dental and vision care. As the largest safety net provider of healthcare in northeast Florida, Sulzbacher serves people who are homeless, uninsured, underinsured or living in poverty.

Sulzbacher must move its FQHC from its current location due to downtown development and flooding. It is critical that a new FQHC is built to ensure that no service delivery is interrupted. This FQHC is a valuable use of taxpayer funds as it is a key safety net service in the community, and without it, many patients would be forced to go to the emergency room. According to the Florida Association of Community Health Centers, Sulzbacher's Health Centers have a \$34.3 million dollar impact on the community. For each dollar invested in the program, there is a 183% return.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this project that is of significant importance to my district.

Sincerely,



John H. Rutherford
Member of Congress